

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEMARCUS RALLS,

No. C 10-04732 CRB (PR)

Petitioner,

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

v.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT,

Respondent(s).

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Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is DENIED without prejudice. See Knaubert v. Goldsmith, 791 F.2d 722, 728 (9th Cir. 1986) (unless an evidentiary hearing is required, the decision to appoint counsel in habeas corpus proceedings is within the discretion of the district court). Petitioner clearly presented his claims for relief in the petition and an order to show cause issued. Accord Bashor v. Risley, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir. 1984) (although petitioner had no background in law, denial of appointment of counsel within discretion of district court where petitioner clearly presented issues in petition and accompanying memorandum). The court will appoint counsel on its own motion if an evidentiary hearing is later required. See Knaubert, 791 F.2d at 728 (appointment of counsel mandatory if evidentiary hearing is required).

SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 11, 2011

  
CHARLES R. BREYER  
United States District Judge